

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A system for selecting and printing one or more documents accessible via a
5 communication network comprising:

a printing device attached to the communication network, said printing device
including a control interface for allowing a user to select a document accessible via the
communication network; and

executable code stored in a memory, wherein in response to user interaction with the
10 control interface the code is executed by a processor to cause the system convert a selected
document to printable format such that the document can be printed at the printing device.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the printing device further comprises:
a display screen and print management software for displaying a file system menu
15 that includes references to one or more computing systems attached to the communication
network.

3. The system of claim 2, wherein a user interacts with the control interface to
select one of said one or more computing systems from the file system.

4. The system of claim 3, wherein in response to selecting one or more of said
computing systems the code is executed by a processor to display a list of documents
available on the selected computing system.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein the printing device further comprises software
for converting a selected document to printable format.

6. The system of claim 1, further comprising a server system attached to the
communication network, said server including server software for converting a selected
30 document to printable format.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein server software forwards a copy of the
document in printable format to the printing device.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein the user interacts with the user interface to select a printing option.

5 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the print option is the print media size.

10. The system of claim 8, wherein the print option is the print resolution.

10 11. A method for selecting and printing one or more documents accessible via a communication network at a printing site, said method comprising:

interacting with a printing device attached to the communication network to select a document stored on a computing system attached to the communication network;

converting the selected document to a format suitable for printing on a printing device;

15 transferring the converted document to the printing device; and
printing the document on the printing device.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein:

20 the printing device includes a display screen and print management software for displaying a file system menu that includes references to one or more computing systems attached to the communication network.

13. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

25 selecting one of said one or more computing systems, in response to a user interacting with the control interface.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising:

displaying a list of documents available on the selected computing systems, in response to selecting one or more of said computing systems.

30 15. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

interacting with the printing device to select one or more printing options.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said one or more printing options include print media size.

5 17. The method of claim 16, wherein said one or more printing options include print resolution.

18. A printing system for selecting and printing one or more documents accessible via a communication network at a printing site, said system comprising:

10 means for selecting a document accessible from a printing device attached to a communication network;
means for converting the selected document to printable format; and
means for transferring the document in printable format to the printing device.

15 19. The printing system of claim 18 further including means for selecting one or more print options.